HOLE 578

Date occupied: 27 May 1982
Date departed: 30 May 1982
Time on hole: 2 days, 6½ hr.
Position (latitude; longitude): 33°55.56'N; 151°37.74'E
Water depth (sea level; corrected m, echo-sounding): 6020
Water depth (rig floor; corrected m, echo-sounding): 6010
Bottom felt (m, drill pipe): 6005
Penetration (m): 176.8
Number of cores: 20
Total length of cored section (m): 167.8
Total core recovered (m): 165.02
Core recovery (%): 98

Oldest sediment cored:
Depth sub-bottom (m): 176.6
Nature: Chert and silicified chalk
Age: Campanian to Maestrichtian
Measured velocity (km/s): 1.52 (clay immediately above chert)

Basement: Not reached

Principal results: Hole 578 recovered a thick section of late Neogene siliciclastic clays. Siliciclastic microfossils are well represented in the late Quaternary and late Miocene-Pliocene portion of the section. The paleomagnetic stratigraphy is exceptionally good. All major events back to the middle of Epoch 5 can be identified even from the shipboard natural remanent magnetization (NRM) inclinations. The upper 76.6 m of clay and siliciclastic clay (0-2.4 m.y. ago) is anoxic (gray and olive gray in color) with many pyrite-cemented layers. From 76.6 to 124.5 m (2.4 to 9-9.5 m.y. ago), the clays are oxidized (yellow brown and brown in color) with rare ferromanganese nodules. These two units contain 72 clearly visible ash layers, 24 of which are more than 5 cm thick (the thickest is 17 or 27 cm if adjoining 17 and 10 cm white and green ash beds formed from a single eruption).

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

Site 578 (target site NW-8A) lies at the join of the east-west and north-south traverses that make up most of Leg 86. On the east-west traverse, the site complements Site 576 because of its proximity to the Asian source of eolian debris and to the western boundary current of the North Pacific. For most of the Cenozoic, the pelagic clay section at Site 578 complements those at Site 576 and LL44-GPC3 to define the history of authigenic sedimentation in this large region.

On the north-south traverse, Site 578 provides the most subtropical paleoceanographic end member. The abrupt thickening of the "transparent" acoustic layer immediately to the south of the site may mark the southern limit of the Kuroshio return flow—the extreme southern limit of transition water in this area.

Our specific scientific objectives at Site 578 were:
1. To obtain a detailed paleoceanographic record of the northern edge of the subtropical water mass for the late Cenozoic.
2. To determine the time of onset of significant biogenic accumulation.
3. To interrelate tephrachronology, paleomagnetic stratigraphy, and biostratigraphy for a northwest Pacific late Cenozoic subtropical section.
4. To assess the nature and history of authigenic sedimentation during the late Cretaceous and Paleogene.
5. To determine the late Cretaceous and Cenozoic history of eolian sedimentation for comparison with the more distal Site 576 and LL44-GPC3.
6. To assess the nature of the red clay–chert boundary, particularly in terms of enhanced diageneis of the basal clay.

Geologic and Topographic Setting

The regional seafloor morphology and echo character of the near-surface sediments of the northwest Pacific have been mapped by Damuth et al. (1983), using all...
available Lamont-Doherty, Scripps, and Hawaii Institute of Geophysics 3.5-kHz reflection records. Site 578 lies west of Shatsky Rise in a large area of gently rolling seafloor underlain by a section of continuous parallel sub-bottom reflectors up to several hundred meters thick above Cretaceous chert and chalk.

The area around Site 578 was surveyed in detail on R/V Vema Cruise 36-12. Based on the piston cores and 3.5-kHz records from the survey, a drill site was selected at 33°56'N, 151°38'W, a location typical of the northwestern quadrant of the area. The topography is very subdued, with local relief of tens of meters over distances of tens of kilometers. The air gun 100-Hz reflection profiles show about 160 m of layered sediment above chert(7).

From the V-36 piston cores, we suspected that a significant number of the laterally continuous shallow reflectors were ash beds.

The site lies in the magnetic bright, possibly on Anomaly M21. If so, the basement age is about 145 m.y.

**OPERATIONS**

From Site 577 we steamed east, across the west side of Shatsky Rise for 1 1/2 days to Site 578 (target Site NW-8A). The air-gun, 3.5-, and 12-kHz records collected underway are of excellent quality.

The vessel entered the B-1 survey area of R/V Vema Cruise 36-12 on 26 May 1982(Z). The site was selected some 19 miles west-northwest of the original target Site NW-8A because shipboard assessment of the V-36 air-gun records indicated slightly more lateral uniformity at the alternate site. Because of the detail of the Vema survey and the acoustic uniformity of the upper part of the sediment section, the Challenger steamed directly to the site, dropped the beacon at 1900Z, and immediately retrieved the magnetometer and seismic gear.

Drill pipe run-in began at 2015Z on 26 May, with the first successful 9.5-m hydraulic piston corer (HPC) core on deck at 1326Z on 27 May. Despite good returns from both the ship's 3.5-kHz transducer and a 3.5-kHz pinger attached 251 m above the site, the first core contained only water. We are unable to account for the large discrepancy (18% in the case of the pinger) between the acoustic and drill pipe depths. The location of the pinger on the string was rechecked on retrieval and found to be correct.

Coring proceeded without mishap for 20 cores (Table 1). Cores 17 to 20 did not stroke out completely due to the stiffness of the red clay below 150 m. We washed down 9.5 m between cores 17 to 20 to conserve time.

The overall quality of the HPC cores at this site was substantially better than the quality of those at Sites 576 and 577. We attribute this to the addition of an extra shear pin to the HPC which allowed it to fully pressure up before firing. We suspect that the intermittent flow-in seen in cores from the earlier sites resulted from premature shear pin failure followed by slow penetration of the HPC, which allowed the heave of the ship to move the piston as the core was being taken. Mike Storms' efforts to solve this problem are greatly appreciated.

The core nose heat-flow unit worked well, with seven successful deployments out of eight.

Two holes originally were scheduled for Site 578. Because of the excellent recovery and core quality in Hole 578, however, we cancelled the second hole to recover some of the time lost due to the reduced lowering speed of the HPC assembly necessitated by the undersize bore of the drill pipe.

We departed the site at 0245Z on 30 May, steaming south and streaming the seismic gear before profiling northward across the site en route to Site 579.

**LITHOSTRATIGRAPHY**

The lithostratigraphy of Site 578 is based on macroscopic core descriptions and smear slide analyses. The recovered section consists of four units (Fig. 1, Table 2): (1) a gray to olive gray clay-siliceous clay, (2) a yellowish brown to brown clay-siliceous clay, (3) a brown to dark brown pelagic clay, and (4) a basal chert overlain by an interbedded silicified foraminiferal ooze and clay unit.

**Unit I: Gray Clay**

Lithologic Unit I is a gray to olive gray clay and siliceous clay. This unit is divided into four subunits as follows.

**Subunit 1A**

This subunit is a siliceous clay (radiolarian clay), predominantly homogeneous gray to dark gray (5Y) in color. The upper 0.71 m of this subunit is a dark yellowish brown (10YR) oxidized layer. Subunit 1A extends from Section 578-1-1 through Sample 578-2-3, 20 cm (0.8-0.8 m) sub-bottom depth). These sediments are composed of 30-60% clay, 5-10% quartz, 15-20% radiolarians, and 5-10% diatoms. This subunit contains four vesiculous ash layers with an average thickness of 2.5 cm and a maximum thickness of 5 cm. Several thin (0.2-0.5 cm), indurated, dark, pyritic clay layers are found in this subunit.

**Subunit IB**

Subunit IB is a clay unit that extends from Samples 578-2-3, 20 cm through 578-6,CC (8.0-52.3 m sub-bott-
Subunit IC

Subunit IC is a siliceous clay that extends from Section 578-7-1 through Sample 578-8-6, 50 cm (52.3–69.75 m sub-bottom depth). This subunit is predominantly olive gray (5Y) in color, with a few layers of green gray (5G), gray (5Y), and olive (5Y). The sediments are composed of 25–30% diatoms, 5–15% radiolarians, and 30–55% clay. The quartz content increases downsection to a maximum of 15%.

Fourteen ash layers occur in Subunit IC; the average thickness is 4.3 cm. The thickest ash layer is 12 cm. No ash layers and relatively few dark, pyritic, indurated clay
Table 2. Site 578 lithostratigraphic units.

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<td>Dark brown pelagic clay and chert</td>
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layers occur between Samples 578-7-1, 40 cm and 578-7-6, 70 cm.

Subunit ID

This subunit extends from Samples 578-8-6, 50 cm through 578-9-4, 80 cm (69.35-76.6 m sub-bottom depth). It consists of interbedded layers of yellowish brown to dark brown (10YR) and olive gray (5Y) clay above Sample 578-9-2, 120 cm and olive gray (5Y) and olive (5Y) clay below Sample 578-9-2, 120 cm. These sediments contain approximately 55-68% clay, 15-20% quartz, and 0-8% biogenic silica. In general, the brown layers have more clay and less biogenic silica than the olive gray and gray layers.

Six ash layers are found in Subunit ID. The average thickness of these layers is 5.7 cm; maximum thickness is 10 cm. The only thin indurated, dark pyritic clay layer in this subunit occurs in Sample 578-9-2, 20 cm.

Unit II: Yellowish Brown and Brown Clay

This unit extends from Samples 578-9-4, 80 cm through 578-14-4, 120 cm (from 76.6 to 124.5 m sub-bottom depth). The upper 14 m of this unit consists of interbedded yellowish brown (10YR) and brown (10YR) clay layers 40-60 cm thick. The lower 34.5 m of this unit consists of uniform yellowish brown (10YR) clay with minor amounts of siliceous microfossils. The sediments consist of 50-89% clay, 2-20% quartz, and 2-20% biogenic silica. Isolated manganese nodules occur within this unit.

Unit III: Dark Brown Pelagic Clay

This unit extends from Samples 578-14-4, 120 cm through 578-20-1, 20 cm (from 124.5 to 176.0 m sub-bottom depth) and consists of a uniform dark brown (10YR) to very dark grayish brown (10YR) pelagic clay. The sediment in Unit III is composed of 90% or more clay and 1-7% quartz. Biogenic silica is virtually absent through the unit. Only one ash layer occurs in Unit III.

Unit IV: Dark Brown Pelagic Clay and Chert

This unit extends from Samples 578-20-1, 20 cm through 578-20,CC (from 176.0 to 176.8 m sub-bottom depth). The top 30 cm of Unit IV consists of dark brown to brown (10YR-7.5YR) pelagic clay with laminations of 0.1 to 0.5 cm thick. Below the laminated clay is a 13-cm-thick sequence of interbedded very pale brown (10YR) siliceous clay and dark grayish brown (10YR) pelagic clay. The siliceous clay contains 77% clay, 15-20% silicified foraminifers, and 3% quartz. The lowermost lithology recovered consists of angular chert fragments (Sample 578-20,CC). These chert fragments exhibit the same vitreous reddish centers and white chalky rinds described for cherts recovered elsewhere (e.g., Fischer, Heezen, et al., 1971).

SEISMIC CORRELATIONS

High resolution seismic reflection profiles (3.5 and 12 kHz) and 100-Hz reflection profiles were recorded at Site 578. Both hull-mounted and near-bottom sound sources were utilized; the near bottom transducer (3.5 and 5.25 kHz) was mounted on the drill string 251 m above the drill bit.

The 3.5-kHz echograms over Site 578 reveal a three-part seismic section (Fig. 2, Table 3). The upper Unit 1 extends to 0.0433 s below seafloor (30.7 m, assuming a velocity of 1420 m/s) and consists of thin, continuous, multiple, parallel sub-bottom reflectors. A thin transparent layer separates seismic Unit 1 from the underlying seismic Unit 2. Seismic Unit 2 consists of parallel reflectors of weak-intermediate strength and extends to 0.0641 s below the seafloor (45.5 m, assuming a velocity of 1420 m/s). A thin transparent layer separates the deepest reflector in seismic Unit 2 from the top of seismic Unit 3. Seismic Unit 3 consists of parallel multiple reflectors that are commonly intermittent and weak; only the top reflector has intermediate strength.

The source of these reflectors was difficult to determine because of (1) the high number of relatively equally spaced reflectors, (2) the best fit of reflectors to lithostratigraphy utilizes an anomalously low velocity throughout the section (1420 m/s), and (3) both ash layers and thin, indurated, pyritic clay layers have anomalously high P-wave velocities. Some of the seismically transparent intervals correspond to sections of core without ash layers but with indurated, thin pyritic clays. Therefore, we attribute most of the reflectors to ash layers (Table 3). Only reflector 3c is likely caused by a thin, pyritic clay layer; Reflectors 2a and 2b are probably caused by locally anomalous brown clay. The remainder of the reflectors account for all the ash layers of significant thickness cored to a depth of about 70 m below the seafloor.

The proposed correlation matches the ash layer stratigraphy well below seismic Unit 1d, but a mismatch above this reflector suggests (1) inaccurate interval velocities, or (2) sources other than ash layers for the reflectors, or (3) poor control on the sub-bottom depth of the core.
ashes because of "intermittent flow-in" (i.e., discrete zones of "flow-in" at one or more depths within the length of a single core).

The 100-Hz seismic reflection profile over Site 578 (Fig. 3) is characterized by a three-part section. The uppermost unit (1) extends 0.23 s below the seafloor (176 m at 1520 m/s) and consists of strong, multiple sub-bottom reflectors. The strong reflectors parallel the seafloor and appear to "overprint" a few weaker, slightly divergent reflectors. Therefore, some of these strong reflectors may be "ringing" and not represent true lithologic changes. Seismic Unit 1 correlates with lithostratigraphic Units I, II, III. Seismic Unit 1 thus includes all the Cretaceous and younger sediments lying above the Cretaceous chert of lithostratigraphic Unit IV.

Seismic Unit 2 consists of strong, discontinuous, slightly divergent reflectors that form a dense "hackly" appearance on the reflection profiles. The thickness of Unit 2 is variable—from near zero on seamounts to more than 0.23 s. Unit 2 corresponds to the Cretaceous cherts and other interbedded sediments lying above basement and below lithostratigraphic Unit III.

Seismic Unit 3 consists of typical basement reflections and occurs at variable depths (less than 0.03 s on the slopes of seamounts, to about 0.5 s [378 m at 1520 m/s] elsewhere) below the seafloor.

**BIOSTRATIGRAPHY**

The sediments recovered at Site 578 range in age from late Quaternary to Late Cretaceous. No nannofossils were found except a few specimens in Section 578-16-2 which do not allow any age assignment. The sediments were also barren of foraminifers except for Samples 578-18,CC (18–20 cm), 578-20-1, 64–66 cm and 578-20,CC. The foraminifers found in Core 18 are of early middle Eocene age whereas the samples from Core 20 contained an upper Campanian to Maestrichtian assemblage. Ichthyoliths in Samples 578-17-4, 140–150 cm and 578-19-2, 140–150 cm have tentatively been dated as early Oligocene and Eocene in age, respectively. The upper 128 m of cored sediments contained rare to abundant diatoms and radiolarians varying in degree of preservation from good to poor.

No major hiatuses were detected in the late Miocene through Quaternary sequence. The absence of siliceous or calcareous microfossils through most of the interval between 125 and 175 m (Cores 14 through 19) at this site precludes the identification of any gaps in the record over this period. Based on the radiolarian and diatom biostratigraphy (Fig. 4), the Pliocene/Pleistocene boundary lies near the base of Core 7, with the Miocene/Pliocene boundary present in Core 12.
### Table 3. 3.5-kHz seismic correlations, Site 578.

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<sup>a</sup> IT = intermittent, weak; W = weak, but generally continuous; I = intermediate; S = strong; VS = very strong.

<sup>b</sup> Assuming a velocity of 1420 m/s.

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**Figure 3.** 100-Hz reflection profile over Site 578 showing the three-part seismic sequence described in the text.
Calcareous Nannofossils

No calcareous nannofossils were found in cores recovered from this site with the exception of one assemblage in Sample 578-16-2. Rare and poorly preserved specimens include *Watznaueria barnesae*, *Braarudosphaera bigelowi*, *Zygodiscus* sp.*, Coccolithus pelagicus*, *Coccolithus* sp.*, and *Discoaster* sp.

Planktonic Foraminifers

Core-catcher samples were examined from all 20 cores recovered at Site 578. In addition, two samples (578-16-5, 7-8 and 138-139 cm) from light colored layers within the dark pelagic muds were examined on board. Shore-based analysis revealed foraminifers in Samples 578-18, CC (18-20 cm) and 578-20, CC. All samples except these two and Sample 578-20, CC were barren of foraminifers. Sample 578-18, CC contained rare specimens of *Globorotalia spinnulosa* and *G. brodermannii*. These two species alone indicate an interval spanning the *G. pentacamerata* Zone to the *Globigerinatheca subconglobata* Zone of Stainforth et al. (1975) or P9-P11 of Blow (1969). The samples from Core 20 contained a fauna of upper Campanian to Maestrichtian age. Typical species include *Globotruncana contusa*, *G. arca*, *G. fornicata*, *G. tricarinata*, *G. stuartiformis*, *G. lapparenti*, *Heterohelix striata*, *Hedbergella planispira*, *Globigerinelloides asperus*, *G. prairiehiliensis*, and *Rugoglobigerina rugosa*. These forms are common to the Upper Cretaceous as reported by Olsson (1964), Pessagno (1967), and Postuma (1971). The fauna found in Core 20 is similar in age to that found just above the impenetrable chert layer at Site 576, with the addition of some Maestrichtian forms. At Site 578, however, all the specimens were silicified after undergoing some dissolution. Such silicification was not seen at Site 576.

Radiolarians

Sediments from Site 578 contain Quaternary through late Miocene radiolarians. The preservation of individual specimens varied from good to poor in Samples 578-1, CC through 578-13, CC. No radiolarians were found in core-catcher samples from Cores 14 through 20. The radiolarian biostratigraphy for Site 578 is shown in Figure 4.

Radiolarians representative of the late Pleistocene are present in samples 578-1, CC through 578-4, CC with the first 14 m (Cores 1 and 2) at Site 578 containing an assemblage characteristic of the *Botryostrobus aquilonaris* Zone (Hays, 1970). The presence of *Stylactractus universus* and the absence of *Eucyrtidium matuyamai* in Samples 578-3, CC and 578-4, CC indicate that sediments recovered in this interval correlate with the *Stylactractus universus* Zone (Hays, 1970). The identification of the radiolarian species *E. matuyamai* in Samples 578-5, CC through 578-7, CC indicates that the sediments in these cores are early Pleistocene in age. Because of the relatively small width of the *E. matuyamai* specimens in Sample 578-7, CC, which is indicative of the beginning of its lineage, the Pliocene/Pleistocene boundary is probably very close to the bottom of Core 7. The species in Sample 578-8, CC are a typical late Pliocene assemblage characteristic of the *Lamprocystis heteroporos* Zone (Hays, 1970; Foreman, 1975). The presence of *Stichocorys peregrina*, *S. delmontensis*, and *Sphaeropyle langii* in Samples 578-9, CC through 578-11, CC indicate that this sequence belongs to the *S. langii* Zone (Foreman, 1975). Species characteristic of the *Stichocorys peregrina* Zone (Riedel and Sanfilippo, 1970; Foreman, 1975) are present in Samples 578-12, CC and 578-13, CC with the Miocene/Pliocene boundary occurring within Core 12.

Diatoms

Early Pliocene to Quaternary diatoms were recovered at Site 578 (Fig. 4). Diatoms are common to few and preservation is moderate except for Cores 5 and 13 where diatoms are rare and poorly preserved. Diatoms are absent below Core 13. Core 1 belongs to the lower latitude *Pseudoeratia doliolus* Zone of Burckle et al. (1978) and the higher latitude *Denticulopsis seminae* Zone of Koizumi (1973) based upon the absence of *Rhizosolenia curvisirostris*. Cores 2 and 3 are placed in the middle Pliocene *R. curvisirostris* Zone (the middle and lower part of the Brunhes Epoch) by the presence of *P. doliolus* and *R. curvisirostris* and the absence of *Nitzschia reinholdii*.  

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**Figure 4.** Site 578 biostratigraphic and magnetostratigraphic summary.
around the Jaramillo Event of the Matuyama Epoch. The silicoflagellate *Mesocena quadrangula* is present in this core. The stratigraphic position of the base of Core 5 is less certain because of poor preservation. The top of Core 5 (Section 578-5-1) is near the Jaramillo Event, based upon the presence of *Rhiptosolenia matuyamai* which ranges into the lower part of the Jaramillo.

Cores 8 and 9 are placed in the uppermost part of the Pliocene *R. praebengonii* Zone, based on the presence of *Thalassiosira convexa* and the absence of *Nitzschia jouseae*. Core 9 bottoms in the upper part of the Gauss Epoch as indicated by the presence of *T. convexa* and the absence of *N. jouseae* and *Denticulopsis kamtschatica*. Cores 10 and 11 are placed in the early to middle Pliocene *N. jouseae* Zone based upon the co-occurrence of *N. jouseae* and *T. convexa*. Core 12 is placed in the *T. convexa* Zone (magnetic Epoch 5) by the presence of *Nitzschia miocenica*, *T. convexa*, and *T. miocenica*. The Miocene/Pliocene boundary, therefore, lies between Cores 11 and 12 based on the occurrence of *N. miocenica* and *T. miocenica*. Core 13 is also placed in the *T. convexa* Zone (uppermost part of magnetic Epoch 6) by the co-occurrence of *T. convexa* and *T. praecoxmexa*.

**Ichthyoliths**

Samples were taken from Cores 578-11 through 578-19 for a preliminary investigation of ichthyoliths. Ichthyoliths range in abundance from rare in the late Miocene–Pliocene siliceous sediments (Cores 578-11 through 578-13) to very abundant in pelagic clays of the Oligocene (Section 578-17-5) and the Paleocene/Eocene boundary (Core 578-19).

Core 578-12 through Section 578-17-4 is judged to be Miocene on the basis of the coherent range of *Small triangle long striations*. Section 578-14-2 is late Miocene on the basis of the concurrence of *Long triangle short inline* and *Long ellipse*. The presence of *Circular with line across* and *Short rectangular with striations* in Section 578-16-2 indicates a middle Miocene age.

The Oligocene/Miocene boundary falls between Sections 578-17-4 and 578-17-5; the Eocene/Oligocene boundary between Sections 578-17-5 and 578-18-1. The Oligocene is identified on the presence of *Rounded apex triangle* and *Triangle with base angle* and the absence of *Small triangle long striations*. It is not possible to tell from the available data whether some part of the Oligocene and early Miocene is missing or if sediment accumulation was very slow.

Core 578-18 and Section 578-19-1 are Eocene. On the basis of the absence of *Triangle curved based* in the top part of the sequence and its presence in the bottom, Sections 578-18-1 and 578-18-3 are middle to late Eocene. Section 578-18-4 and Section 578-19-1 are early to middle Eocene.

The Paleocene/Eocene boundary is between Sections 578-19-1 and 578-19-3. The presence of *Beveled triangle concave margins* in Section 578-19-2, as well as *Triangle radiating inline* and *Narrow straight triangle* suggests that this section is Paleocene, but the distribution of typically Paleocene forms in earliest Eocene has not been studied sufficiently to allow a confident Paleocene age assignment to this sample. The presence of *Triangle medium wing* and *Triangle curved base* in Section 578-19-3, together with the Paleocene forms listed above, indicates a late Paleocene age.

**PALEOMAGNETICS**

Excellent recovery of an undisturbed section with NRM intensities on the order of 50 × 10^6 G allowed us to establish a nearly complete magnetostratigraphy from the late Miocene to the Quaternary at this site.

Detailed shore-based magnetic results are described in a later chapter (see Heath, Rea, and Levi, this volume). The average NRM inclinations above 110 m are independent of the polarity and are close to the centered axial dipole value for the present latitude of the drill site (53°). Thus, they can be used to establish the polarity sequence down to Epoch 5 (Table 4), using the magnetic terminology of McDougall (1977).

**SEDIMENT ACCUMULATION RATES**

The sedimentation rates for this site are based on a combination of radiolarian, diatom, ichthyolith, foraminiferal, and paleomagnetic stratigraphies. In constructing the age–depth plot (Fig. 5), it is assumed that the Campanian–Maestrichtian silicified foraminiferal sediments found below 175 m are contemporaneous with the clays directly overlying them. Sedimentation rates during the late Pleistocene decreased from almost 40 m/m.y. at the surface to less than 30 m/m.y. at depth. Rates were close to 25 m/m.y. during the early Pleistocene and late Pliocene (Figs. 5 and 6). Early Pliocene rates de-

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a Time scale of Berggren et al. (in press).
b Time scale of Nee et al. (1980).
c Time scale of McDougall (1977).
creased to less than 12 m/m.y. The very dark brown pelagic clay below 130 m accumulated at an average rate of 0.8 m/m.y., 50 times slower than the late Quaternary deposits. The oldest deposits (170-180 m) accumulated at the lowest rates (approximately 0.45 m/m.y.).

A marked increase in sedimentation rate occurs in the late Miocene–early Pliocene if the time scale of Berggren et al. (in press) for the magnetic event is adopted. The ages assigned to these events by McDougall (1977) produce a curve that indicates a more uniform decrease in the sedimentation rate through this interval.

**PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

Physical properties measurements at Site 578 were performed using mainly standard Deep Sea Drilling Project (DSDP) methods (Boyce, 1976a, b; see Introduction and Explanatory Notes, this volume). Table 5 summarizes the properties that were measured at Hole 578. Measurements were taken at approximately 3-m intervals through Hole 578. Figures 7, 8, and 9 show profiles of compressional and shear wave velocity, saturated bulk density and water content, and shear strength, respectively. A full discussion of the physical properties of the recovered sediment, including tables of the data, is given by Schultheiss (this volume). However, some of the more interesting features of the data are highlighted here.

1. The compressional wave profile (Fig. 7) is dominated by high velocity layers of pyrite-indurated clay and ash beds superimposed on a constant velocity profile down to 160 m. Not all of the numerous layers were measured, but it can be assumed that they all have higher velocities. Below 160 m there is an indication that a

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**Table 5. Physical properties measurements made at Site 578.**

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positive velocity gradient is developing in the very dark pelagic clay.

2. Shear wave velocities increase slowly up to 65 m/s at a depth of 120 m (Fig. 7). A rapid increase up to 128 m/s occurs between 120 and 130 m, below which the velocity remains essentially constant. This transition coincides with the lithologic boundary between Units II (clay) and III (pelagic clay).

3. The lithologic boundary between Units II and III is also characterized by a reduction in water content from 120 to 90% with a corresponding increase in the bulk density from 1.37 to 1.47 g/cm³ (Fig. 8). Another significant change in water content occurs between Cores 17 and 18 (155–160 m sub-bottom depth) where it falls rapidly from 90 to 60%. This transition does not coincide with any obvious lithological boundary.

4. The shear strength profiles (Fig. 9) show the strength increasing with depth from 0 at the seafloor to around 1500 g/cm² at 176 m in Core 20. Recovery from Cores 17, 18, 19, and 20 were progressively poorer, with Core 20 being only 0.81-m long. These shear strengths in pelagic brown clays obviously represent the operational limits of the HPC in its present configuration. It is also interesting to note that the high lateral stresses within the core prevented any flow-in occurring (presumably water must have flowed around the piston during pull out).

The two discontinuities of water content at 120–130 and 155–160 m discussed above are also revealed by rapid increases in the shear strength profiles. At 123 m (boundary of Units II/III) there is a rapid increase from 500 to 1100 g/cm² according to the motorized vane measurements (a less pronounced step is revealed by the hand-held vane). At 157 m the hand-held vane shows an increase from 1050 to 1500 gm/cm² (a less pronounced step is revealed in this case by the motorized vane).

INORGANIC GEOCHEMISTRY

Six squeezed core samples from Hole 578 were analyzed for the standard suite of components: pH, alkalinity, salinity, calcium, magnesium, and chlorinity (Ta-
ble 6). No in situ samples were taken. At least three trends are evident (Fig. 10):

1. Calcium increases linearly with depth throughout the cored interval. We suspect that this is a diffusion profile between the carbonate section beneath the chert (as sampled at Site 304, for example) and the seafloor.

2. Alkalinity and pH decrease within the anoxic sediments above 76 m (and possibly in the uppermost oxidized siliceous clays, although our sample spacing cannot resolve this), but are virtually constant in the highly oxidized pelagic clay section. Sulphide oxidation and alteration of volcanic ashes are reactions in the reduced sediments that could affect these parameters. The slight increase in alkalinity at 150 m may reflect the influence of carbonate dissolution beneath the cored section.

3. The slight decrease in magnesium in the upper 70 m (in the reduced sediments) may again reflect the alteration of the abundant volcanic ash in this section to smectite. Diagenesis of biogenic opal would have a similar effect.

We have no explanation for the low salinity value at 128 m.

**HEAT FLOW**

Downhole temperature measurements using the new Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) heat flow instrument were made at this site. All but one of eight deployments were successful. The failure of the eighth run at this site was attributed to a malfunction of the computer when loading the program. All runs were made by one recorder, WHOI-4A, connected to battery pack NTLT-2.

The quality of the temperature data improved substantially at this site, owing mainly to the Cruise Operations Manager's suggestion that tension in the sand line

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**Table 6. Inorganic geochemistry measurements made at Site 578.**

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be released during the measurement. This eliminated propagation of the ship’s motion through the sand line to the HPC (which generates frictional heat) resulting in a smoother cooling curve than in previous records.

Thermal conductivity values were measured at 200 locations in Hole 578. These data, combined with the downhole temperature measurements, yield a useful estimate of the heat flow at Site 578 (see Horai and Von Herzen, this volume).

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The stratigraphic section recovered in Hole 578 and the major lithologic units, summarized in Figure 1, are as follows.

Unit I: 0–76.6 m

Gray and olive gray anoxic clay grading to siliceous clay, of late Pliocene and Quaternary age (0–2.4 m.y.). There are thin oxidized layers at the surface, at 35 and at 70 m. Siliceous microfossils are most abundant in the latest Quaternary and late Pliocene to early Pleistocene deposits (preservation also is good across the Miocene/ Pliocene boundary). The youngest sediments accumulated at almost 40 m/m.y., but from about 1 to 2.4 m.y. ago, the rate was close to 25 m/m.y. This unit contains numerous ash beds (Fig. 1).

Unit II: 76.6–124.5 m

Mainly yellow brown, with some brown above 90 m, oxidized pelagic clay with locally abundant radiolarians and diatoms, of late Miocene to late Pliocene age (2.4 to about 9 m.y.). Below 90 m, the sediments are very uniform in appearance, with only ash beds (decreasing down-section) and rare ferromanganese nodules to break the monotony. Within this unit, the accumulation rate decreases steadily from 14 m/m.y. at the top to about 5 m/m.y. at the base.

Units I and II carry a strong remanent magnetization. Based on shipboard NRM analyses, the first four magnetic epochs and virtually all their events can be recognized (Fig. 4). The paleomagnetic data, which are consistent with the biostratigraphy, provide a detailed time scale for the past 5 m.y.

Unit III: 124.5–176 m

Mainly dark to very dark brown, fine-grained (“slick”), homogeneous pelagic clay, with dark yellow brown and yellow brown intervals above 129 m. The age limits of about 9 and 70 m.y. are defined by the bounding units; no diagnostic siliceous or calcareous microfossils occur near the boundaries of Unit III. This highly oxidized unit contains rare ferromanganese nodules and only one
ash bed. If deposition was continuous, the sedimentation rate decreased from 4.3 m/m.y. at the top to 0.45 m/m.y. at the base. More detailed studies of ichthyoliths are needed to determine whether this rate varied uniformly through time.

**Unit IV: 176.8 m**

Hole 578 terminated in chert. The few fragments in the catcher of Core 20 consist of glassy flintlike chert and light gray porcellanite containing internal molds and quartz replacements of Campanian to Maastrichtian foraminifers. The age of this chert is close to that at Site 576, but may be slightly younger.

Lithologic Unit I is problematic. The very high deposition rate, which decreases very rapidly to the southeast (Vema-36 Cores 41PC, 44PC, and 45PC) is not due to a flood of biogenous opal, but rather to terrigenous debris. Whether this reflects near-bottom circulation (we may be seeing the initiation of a “drift” deposit), or the injection of large amounts of loess to the western North Pacific by east Asian rivers following the onset of northern hemisphere glaciation, is unclear. Shore-based grain size and mineralogical studies may throw light on this question.

The excellent paleomagnetic record induced us to critically compare the time scale of McDougall (1977) with those of other authors. The differences are small, but our data are better fitted by the McDougall values, particularly for the top of the Olduvai Event and for the boundaries of the SiduJall and Thvera Events. We have used McDougall’s dates for our sedimentation rate calculations.

Lithologic Units II and III are comparable to units at Site 576. Unit III is manganese rich and we infer that it includes a substantial authigenic component. Unit II reflects the onset of biosiliceous deposition as the site began to encounter the western boundary current system of the North Pacific. This unit also may have received more eolian material as the climate deteriorated during the late Neogene.

Overall, Site 578 was highly successful. The excellent quality of the cores and virtually full recovery, as well as the rapid sedimentation rate during the past 5 m.y., provide excellent records of ash deposition and magnetic reversals during this period. This site also fixes the onset of biosiliceous sedimentation at the southern limit of the north–south transect from Sites 578 to 581. The deeper pelagic clay section complements those at Site 576 and LL44-GPC3, and provides the basis for an east–west profile of Paleogene authigenic sedimentation.

**REFERENCES**


### SITE 578 HOLE 1

**Cored Interval**: 6004.7-6009.5 mbsl; 0.0-4.8 mbsf

**Lithologic Description**

1. **10YR 3/4**
   - **Dominant colors**: dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) and dark gray (10YR 5/1), changing to dark gray (10YR 5/2), gray (10YR 5/1), and olive gray (10YR 5/2) at the base of Section 2. Minor colors: ash gray (5Y 5/1), dark gray (10YR 4/1) to black, and black (10YR 2/1).
   - **Core**: Disturbed, except for Section 2, 6-53 cm which had an O-ring plugged through drilling, splitting, and is moderately disturbed.
   - **Core Content**: Siliceous clay mottled with dark grayish brown to black specks and blebs. The small, mottled black zone in Section 1, 42-46 cm has a sharp bottom contact and Mn-enriched. The Core Catcher contains two olive gray, sandy ash patches at 7-9 cm and 12-18 cm.

### SMEAR SLIDE SUMMARY (%): 1.15 1.45 2.55 2.106 3.24 3.96 CC

- **Folds**
- **Heavy Clay**
- **Radiolarians**
- **Sponge spicules**
- **Silicoflagellates**

### SITE 578 HOLE 2

**Cored Interval**: 6009.5-6019.0 mbsl; 4.8-14.3 mbsf

**Lithologic Description**

1. **5Y4/1-5Y2/1**
   - **Dominant colors**: dark gray (5Y 4/1), gray (5Y 5/1), and olive gray (5Y 4/2). Minor colors: black (5Y 2/1) to black, and ash gray (5Y 5/1) to black, and black (5YR 2/1).
   - **Core**: Slightly deformed by drilling. Section 5, 0-84 cm is gouged due to rock located at 5, 84 cm being plugged through core when it was split.
   - **Core Content**: Siliceous clay changing to clay with volcanic ash layers below. Section 1 contains ash layers at 2, 108-114 cm with thin (0.5 cm) internal boundaries at 2, 130-132 cm, and a thick ash layer at 2, 215-220 cm. The two ash layers in Section 3 have sharp boundaries and gradational tops. In addition, there is an ash pocket at 2, 125 cm.

### SMEAR SLIDE SUMMARY (%): 1.95 2.80 3.76 6.20

- **Silt**
- **Clay**
- **Sponge spicules**
- **Skeletal fragments**
- **Feldspar**
- **Volcanic glass**

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**Graphic Log**: Shows the stratigraphic layers and sedimentary features. Each section contains detailed descriptions of the sedimentary layers, including their color, texture, and composition. The log is used to interpret the depositional environment and the history of the sedimentary record.
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**Textures**

- Clay with volcanic ash layers
- Entire core is slightly deformed by drilling
- This core consists of mottled clay with thin greenish layers of clay and clayey silt. Two ash layers are found in this section: (1) 1, 3-18 cm and (2) 3, 41-46 cm. The continuous ash layer in Section 3 is normally-graded. Discontinuous ash layers occur at 3, 110-115 cm, 4, 88 cm, and 4, 128 cm.

**Graphic Lithology**

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LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION

1. CLAY WITH VOLCANIC ASH LAYERS

- Dominant colors: dark gray (5Y 4/1), gray (5Y 5/1), olive gray (2.5Y 5/2), grayish brown (2.5Y 3/1), and green (5GY 4/1). Dominant ash layers. Medium gray (2.5Y 6/1) and very dark gray (2.5Y 2/1) ash layers. *Entire core is slightly deformed by drilling.

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- Dark gray (5Y 4/1) ash layers dominate.
- Medium gray (2.5Y 6/1) and very dark gray (2.5Y 2/1) ash layers.
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- Discontinuous ash layers occur at 3, 86-87 cm; 4, 26.3-26.8 cm; and 6, 113-115 cm. Section 4, 5.5-5.8 cm contains a small angular pebble.

- Discontinuous ash layers occur at 5, 26-28 cm and 6, 113-115 cm.
SITE 578 HOLE
CORE 7
CORED INTERVAL 6057.0-6066.5 mbsl; 52.3-61.8 mbsf

LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION

5Y5/3
10YR 6/4
5Y5/1
5Y 8/1 ash

SILICEOUS CLAY WITH VOLCANIC ASH LAYERS

- Dominant colors: olive gray (5Y 5/1) and gray (5Y 4/1). Minor colors: thin layers of greenish gray (5G 4/1) and green (5G 4/2). Ash layers are 0.5-1.0 cm thick, 1, 3-12 cm, 3, 20-25 cm, and 3, 45-53 cm. Ash layers are 0.5-1.0 cm thick, 1, 3-12 cm, 3, 1-12 cm, and 3, 45-53 cm.

SILICEOUS CLAY TO CLAY WITH VOLCANIC ASH LAYERS

- Dominant colors: olive gray (5Y 4/1) and gray (5Y 3/1). Minor colors: greenish gray (5G 4/2) and green (5G 4/3). Ash layers are 0.5-1.0 cm thick, 1, 3-12 cm, 3, 1-12 cm, and 3, 45-53 cm.

SILICEOUS CLAY TO CLAY WITH VOLCANIC ASH LAYERS

- Dominant colors: olive gray (5Y 4/1) and gray (5Y 3/1). Minor colors: greenish gray (5G 4/2) and green (5G 4/3). Ash layers are 0.5-1.0 cm thick, 1, 3-12 cm, 3, 1-12 cm, and 3, 45-53 cm.
LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION

SITE 578 HOLE 9 CORED INTERVAL 6076.0-6085.5 mbsl; 71.3-80.8 mbsf

Silicic clay to clay with volcanic ash layers

- Dominant colors: olive gray (5Y 5/2) and olive (5Y 5/3) in Sections 1 to 4, 56 cm, Section 4, 44 cm to the Core.
- Ash layers are pale brown (10YR 8/1), gray (10YR 6/1), gray (10YR 6/2), and light yellowish brown to yellowish brown (10YR 5/4-10YR 5/6).
- Minor colors: thin layers of olive gray (5Y 4/2) in Sections 1 to 4. Ash layers are gray (5Y 4/1), gray (10YR 6/3), light gray (10YR 7/1), and brown (10YR 7/2).

ENTIRE CORE IS SLIGHTLY DEFORMED BY DRILLING.

Silicic clay to clay with volcanic ash layers

- Ash layers are gray (10YR 8/1), black (5Y 2/1), grayish brown (10YR 5/2), light gray (10YR 7/1), and brown (10YR 7/2).

SMEAR SLIDE SUMMARY (%):

ASH LAYERS

- The ash layer at 6, 57-59 cm is graded. There is a distinct color change at 4, 56 cm, with uniform olive gray above and modified brown below.

SMEAR SLIDE SUMMARY (%):

- Entire core is slightly deformed by drilling.
- The ash layers at 1, 49-54 cm and 1, 60-70 cm. The medium layers at 4, 64-66 cm and 4, 67-69 cm are as layers. Manganese nodules occur at 2, 25-28 cm and 2, 58-59 cm.

SMEAR SLIDE SUMMARY (%):

- Entire core is slightly deformed by drilling.
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SITE 578 HOLE CORE 11 CORED INTERVAL 6095.0–6104.5 mbsl; 90.3–99.8 mbsf

LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION

Siliceous Clay to Clay

- Entire core is slightly deformed by drilling.

This core consists of homogeneous yellowish brown siliceous clay with 2–3 cm thick intervals of brown to dark grayish brown siliceous and tannish siliceous clay. Sections 3, 5, and 6 contain small ashy patches. A light yellowish brown siliceous band occurs at 7, 26–27 cm. A reddish nodular clay is found in Section 1, 153–168 cm.

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SITE 578 HOLE CORE 12 CORED INTERVAL 6104.5–6114.0 mbsl; 99.8–109.3 mbsf

LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION

Clay with Few Volcanic Ash Layers

- Dominant colors: brown (10YR 5/3), yellowish brown (10YR 5/4), and dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2). Minor colors: pale brown (10YR 6/3), dark gray (10YR 4/1), 10YR 7/2, and gray (10YR 8/1) ash layers.
- Core is slightly deformed by drilling with brecciated intervals in Sections 4 and 6.

This core consists of homogeneous to slightly metamorphosed clay. Ash layers occur at 1, 81–85 cm; 2, 5–15 cm; 2, 15–32 cm; and 6, 95–102 cm. Small (0.5 cm diameter) pebbles occur at 4, 39–40 cm and 5, 20–21 cm.

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SILICEOUS CLAY TO CLAY

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SITE 578 HOLE CORE 13 CORED INTERVAL 6114.0-6123.5 mbsl; 109.3-118.8 mbsf

LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION

SILICEOUS CLAY TO CLAY

- Dominant colors: light yellowish brown (10YR 6/4) in Section 1, grading to yellowish brown (10YR 5/6) in Section 2, grading to yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) below Section 2. Minor colors: dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) in Sections 4 and 6.

- Entire core is slightly deformed by drilling.

This core consists of homogeneous, lightly mottled siliceous clay. Mottles are faint and black. Section 6, 112-125 cm contains discrete patches of sand-sized black ash and altered ash (see smear slide summary below).

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- Quartz: 5
- Feldspar: 5
- Mica: 1
- Glass: 81
- Volcanic glass: 1
- Minerals: 1
- Quartz: 2
- Feldspar: 2
- Mica: 1
- Glass: 2

SITE 578 HOLE CORE 14 CORED INTERVAL 6123.5-6133.0 mbsl; 118.8-128.3 mbsf

LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION

ASH: 10YR 6/4

- Dominant colors: yellowish brown (10YR 5/6) grading to dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/3-10YR 3/4) at Section 6. Section 4, 114-125 cm contains a dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) layer. Minor colors: white (10YR 8/1) grading to gray (10YR 6/1) ash layer in Section 1.

- Entire core is slightly deformed by drilling.

This core consists of lightly mottled moraine clay. There is an ash layer in Section 1, 114-128 cm. Core 3 cm diameter derrick correlations occur in Section 3, 93-100 cm.

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Composition:

- Quartz: 7
- Feldspar: 2
- Mica: 2
- Glass: 1
- Volcanic glass: 2
- Minerals: 1
- Quartz: 2
- Feldspar: 2
- Mica: 1
- Glass: 2

SITE 578 HOLE CORE 15 CORED INTERVAL 6133.5-6144.0 mbsl; 128.3-138.6 mbsf

LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION

CLAY

- Dominant colors: yellowish brown (10YR 5/6) grading to dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) at Section 6. Section 4, 114-125 cm contains a dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) layer. Minor colors: white (10YR 8/1) grading to gray (10YR 6/1) ash layer in Section 1.

- Entire core is slightly deformed by drilling.

This core consists of lightly mottled moraine clay. There is an ash layer in Section 1, 114-128 cm. Core 3 cm diameter derrick correlations occur in Section 3, 93-100 cm.
**Core 15**

**SITE 578**

**HOLE**

**CORE INTERVAL** 6133.0-6142.5 mbsl; 129.3-137.8 mbsf

**PELAGIC CLAY**
- Dominant colors: dark brown (10YR 3/3) and brown (10YR 4/3) to dark brown. Minor colors: brown (10YR 5/3) to dark brown (10YR 3/3).
- Section 4 contains a thin brown (10YR 3/4) and a thicker brown (10YR 3/3) layer. Mottles in the core are yellowish brown (10YR 6/4) in Sections 1, 2, and 4; brown (10YR 5/3) in Sections 2 and 4; and reddish yellow (7.5YR 6/6) in Sections 2 and 4.

**Lithologic Description**

**SAND SLIDE SUMMARY (%)**

- Graphic Subdivision
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**SITE 578**

**HOLE**

**CORE INTERVAL** 6142.0-6152.0 mbsl; 137.8-147.3 mbsf

**PELAGIC CLAY**
- Dominant colors: Section 1 to Section 2, dark brown (10YR 3/3) to dark brown with brown (10YR 5/3) mottles. Section 3 is dark brown (10YR 3/3) to yellowish brown (7.5YR 6/4) and has sections of dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2). Faint black mottles are present throughout the core.

**SMEAR SLIDE SUMMARY (%)**

- **10YR 3/3**
- **10YR 3/2**
- **7.5YR 5/4**
- **10YR 4/3**
- **10YR 3/3**

**Micronodules**
- Opaques

HOLE 578
CORE 17
CORED INTERVAL 6152.0-6160.0 mbsl; 147.3-155.3 mbsf

LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION

PELAGIC CLAY
* Dominant colors: Sections 1 to 3, 53 cm are very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) with yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) mottles. Section 2, 15-21 cm is very dark gray (10YR 3/1). Minor colors: Sections 2, 45-64 cm contains thin yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) layers. Section 3, 13-21 cm contains thin strong brown (7.5YR 5/2) layers.

Entire core is slightly deformed by drilling.

This core consists of mottled to homogeneous pelagic clay. Section 1, 117-119 cm contains a manganese oxide 0.5 cm in diameter.

SMEAR SLIDE SUMMARY (%):

Texture:
- Sand: 60
- Silt: 17
- Clay: 99

Composition:
- Quartz: 3
- Mica: 1
- Vein: 1
- Diatom: 4

SITE 578 HOLE
CORE 18
CORED INTERVAL 6161.5-6168.0 mbsl; 156.8-163.3 mbsf

LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION

PELAGIC CLAY
* Dominant colors: Sections 1 and 2 are very dark brown (10YR 3/2). Section 3 is dark brown (10YR 3/2) with yellowish brown (10YR 5/3) and reddish brown (5YR 4/4) mottles.

Section 2 is slightly brecciated. The rest of the core is slightly disturbed by drilling.

This core consists of mottled pelagic clay. Section 1, 55-77 cm contains a fish bone.
LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION

PELAGIC CLAY

Dominant colors: Section 1 is dark brown (2.5YR 2/2) with reddish brown (5YR 4/4) mottles. Portion of the core is very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2).

Core is slightly distorted by drilling, with beveled profile typical of the tops of Sections 1 and 2. This core consists of homogeneous to slightly mottled pelagic clay. Mottling is confined to Section 1, 0-20 cm.

SMEAR SLIDE SUMMARY (%):

Texture:
- Sand: 0%
- Silt: 4%
- Clay: 96%

Composition:
- Quartz: 1%
- Mud: 1%
- Foraminiferal clay: 2%

SITE 378 HOLE CORE 20 CORED INTERVAL 6180.5-6181.5 mbsl; 175.8-176.8 mbsf

LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION

PELAGIC CLAY GRADING TO LAMINATED PELAGIC CLAY $('#5YR 4/4') GRADING TO FORAMINIFERAL CLAY INTERBEDDED WITH CHERT

Colors: Section 1, 0-20 cm, very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) grading to dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4); 1, 20-52 cm, dark brown (7.5YR 3/3), brown (10YR 4/3), dark brown (7.5YR 4/4), and brown (7.5YR 5/4); 1, 52-65 cm, very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) and very pale brown (10YR 7/4) foraminiferal clay.

Core distortions are noted in upper portion of Section 1.

Foraminiferal clay from 0-20 cm, porcellaneous clay from 20-32 cm, and interbedded clay, foraminiferal clay, and chert in the Core Catcher. These laminated portions contain laminations 2-3 cm thick. The Foraminiferal clay layers are flinty, while the chert layers are flinty. "Doliferous" nodules of angular chert fragments are present in the flinty layers.

SMEAR SLIDE SUMMARY (%):

Texture:
- Sand: 70% 20
- Silt: 10% 5
- Clay: 10% 5

Composition:
- Quartz: 10%
- Mud: 10%
- Foraminiferal clay: 60% 4

SITE 378 HOLE CORE 19 CORED INTERVAL 6171.0-6176.0 mbsl; 166.3-171.3 mbsf

PELAGIC CLAY

Dominant colors: Section 1 is dark brown (2.5YR 2/2) with reddish brown (5YR 4/4) mottles. Portion of the core is very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2).

Core is slightly distorted by drilling, with beveled profile typical of the tops of Sections 1 and 2. This core consists of homogeneous to slightly mottled pelagic clay. Mottling is confined to Section 1, 0-20 cm.